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Payment of a larger share of the land revenue to panchayat boards.

* 442 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to give the panchayat boards a larger share in land revenue; and

(*b*) if so, how much, and from when?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, the panchayat boards have been entrustd with considerable responsibilities and they are suffering for want of funds. Will the Government decide the question early and see that adequate finances are provided for these panchayat boards? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The Government will decide it very soon, Sir."

Enhanement of maximum fares fixed for stage carriages.

* 443 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any permission has been granted to any private bus owners to collect more than seven pies per mile, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The maximum fares for stage carriages fixed under the Motor Vehicles Act have been enhanced in respect of all state carriages, in view of the Judgment of the High Court in Writ Petitions Nos. 42, 43, etc., of 1953."

Conference of village karnams of Tanjore district.

* 444 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Conference of village karnams of Tanjore district held at Mannargudi in September 1953; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The remarks of the Collector have been called for."

Ropening of the Mtal Industries, Limited, at Shoranur.

* 445 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any deputation waited on him recently regarding the restarting of the work in the Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the labourers of the concern who were working there are asked either to quit or to pay rent for the quarters where they are living?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The deputationists have submitted certain proposals for reopening the Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur, which are under the consideration of the Government.

" (c) The information is not available."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, inasmuch as the factory and the property are under attachment and under the custody of the Government, will the Government see that pending investigation the labourers are not driven out of their present dwellings? Complaints of many such quit notices have been received by me."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member brings such cases to my notice, I shall look into the matter."

Bed strength of the Government Hospital at Tanjore.

* 446 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of beds proposed to be increased in the Government Hospital at Tanjore; and

(b) the details about the additional staff proposed to be employed in the above hospital under new schemes for 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) There is no proposal for increasing the bed strength and for employing additional staff in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" நீண்ட நாட்களாக தொந்திரவுக்குள்ளாகியிருக்கும் நோயாளிகளுக்கு தஞ்சாவூர் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் **Bed Strength**-ஐ அதிகமாக்குவதற்கான யோசனையில்லை என்று சொன்னார்கள். இதற்கு என்ன காரணம் என்று சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have made a general statement that whenever there is need the bed strength will be increased. But personally I think there is greater need for raising the standard of medical and surgical work in our hospitals than merely adding to the bed strength."

Printing of forms for the use of panchayat boards by Hoe and Company.

* 447 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government insist that the printing of the forms, etc., to be used by the panchayat boards should be done only by Hoe and Company and not at the choice of the panchayat boards themselves; and